

1887-028 Chancery Causes: Clinton A. Maness vs. Susan Maness  
Lee Co.

Blevins, Gawtz, Sullivan, Henry

CA-Divorce  
T-Vices



To the Honorable F. S. K. Morison, Judge  
of the Circuit Court of Lee Co.,

Humbly complaining, your  
orator Ginton A. Maness, respectfully  
represents unto your honor;  
that some two years ago he intermar-  
ried with one Susan Blewins with  
whom he lived peacefully and happily  
until about two years ago, when  
to the surprise and mortification of your  
orator, he learned that his wife had  
become an adulteress, - unfaithful to the  
vows of marriage; this being true your  
orator left her to reform, repent &  
feel the remorse and chagrin of her  
own sinful and improvident con-  
duct

Your orator alleges and avers  
that the said Susan is guilty of  
adultery, that she is notoriously  
lewd, and that she at any and all  
times will have intercourse with  
other men. These representations  
being true, your orator is advised  
that his said marriage, in a court of  
Chancery, will be annulled and a-  
voided. Hence that is the object of  
your orator's plea; And to that end he  
humbly prays that your honor take



cognizance of his cause, make Susan  
Maness a party defendant  
to this bill, she be required to answer  
its allegations and averments fully, com-  
pletely and perfectly upon her oath,  
and that finally a decree be  
rendered granting to said Susan  
a divorce a vinculo matrimonii,  
avoiding and dissolving said marriage  
forever, And such other, further  
and general relief be awarded said  
Susan as equity and good conscience  
deem meet and adapted to the na-  
ture of his cause. Let Decree be  
made. And he will ever pray &c

E. H. Pennington,  
P. G.



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C. A. Manner

vs { Bill for  
      { divorce

Susan Manner

1887 July Bill filed 3pa  
      fid & decree nisi  
" Aug. D. Nisi Conf'd &  
      Cause set for hearing  
" Aug. Decree final

1880 to 1890

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Clinton A. Maness Complt.

vs

Susan Maness Deft.

In Chancery

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill of the Complainant the depositions of witnesses and was argued by counsel; and it appearing to the court that process was duly served upon the said Deft. for more than a month before the first day of this term of the court, and that she failed to appear, plead, answer or answer to the said bill of complaint, the same is taken for confessed as to her; and consideration of all of which, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the said Complt. and Deft., be, and so hereby dissolved and annulled, ~~as if no~~ <sup>the same</sup> ~~matrimony~~ but that the said Deft. ~~be~~ is forever prohibited and restrained from marrying again in this State; and it is further ordered and adjudged that the said Complt. recover from the said Deft. his costs in this cause expended, for which an execution may issue. And the cause is stricken from the docket.



C. A. Maurer  
vs { Secrecy final

Susan Maurer  
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C. O. Booser No. 3.  
J. A. Hyatt  
cc

Enter this  
H. K. M.  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1887.



To Mrs. Susan Maness

You are hereby notified  
that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 1887 at  
the <sup>saw</sup> office of C. W. Pennington in the  
town of Jarraville, Lin County, be-  
tween the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M.  
of that day, I shall proceed to take  
the depositions of James, Sullivan,  
Andrew Maness and others, to be  
used as evidence in my behalf in  
a certain ~~suit~~ <sup>in</sup> Chancery, de-  
pending in the Circuit <sup>court</sup> for the County  
of Lin, wherein, I am ~~plaintiff~~  
and you are defendant; and if  
from any cause ~~the~~ taking of  
said depositions be not com-  
menced, or if commenced be not  
concluded on that day, the taking  
thereof will be adjourned from day to  
day at the same place, until the  
same be completed. This 22<sup>nd</sup> 1887.

Your Obedt. Servant  
Clinton R. Maness.



C. A. Manus.  
vs & Notice  
Susan Manus  
Executed by  
delivering a true  
Copy of the with-  
in notice to Susan  
Manus the 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of June 1887  
J W Bledsoe

Sworn to before me  
the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1887



C. A. Maness Compld. }  
vs } In Chancery  
Susan Maness Dft

The depositions of James Sullivan, Abraham Gauntz & Mr Henry taken July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1887 at the law office of E. H. Pennington in Jonesville, pursuant to notice hereto attached, and which are intended to be read as evidence on behalf of the plaintiff in the above styled cause.

Abraham Gauntz a witness of lawful being duly sworn deposes & says

Question 1<sup>st</sup> by Plaintiff

State if you are acquainted with Compld and Dft in this cause & if they are or have always been understood & reported to have been married.

Ans I have known the said parties ever since they were married, or reported to have been married.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pltff.

Are the said parties now living together or not?

Ans. They are not.

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> by same

How long have they been separated?

A year or more.



Question 4<sup>th</sup> by Same

Please state if you know that said deft. has been guilty of any acts of adultery or sexual intercourse with any other man than her said husband?

I do not know of any that I care to tell.

Question 5<sup>th</sup> by Plaintiff.

Please state if you yourself ever had sexual intercourse with the said deft. & when & about how often.

Ans.

I have <sup>had sexual intercourse with deft.</sup> some time ago, near about the time the said parties separated and a good many times

Question 6<sup>th</sup> by Plaintiff.

Have said parties to your knowledge ~~not~~ lived together since the facts above stated by you?

Ans

They have not to my knowledge  
And further this deponent say-  
eth not Abraham <sup>his</sup> Soudry

James Sullivan another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes & says that; "I have known the said Plaintiff & deft. to be have been understood to have been



married, and have been acquainted  
with them ever since, and I my-  
self have frequently known the  
said Deft. to have sexual inter-  
course with other men than her  
said husband. May, the said plain-  
tiff & Deft. have not to my know-  
edge, and I am sure I would have  
known<sup>it</sup> if they had, ~~but~~ lived together  
or since the said plaintiff became  
apprised of the adulterous acts  
of his wife. She now lives on Copen-  
ridge in Penn. And further  
her witness saith not.

Ans  
James Sullivan  
Jury

You Henry another witness of  
lawful age deposes and says  
after being duly sworn

Question<sup>ed</sup> by Plaintiff

Please state, if you know,  
if the said Deft. has been guilt-  
y of any acts of adultery or sex-  
ual intercourse with other men  
than her said husband, since  
their marriage?

Ans

I have more than once known  
the Deft. in this cause to have



been guilty of having sexual intercourse with other men than her husband and that since their marriage.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> by Same

Please state if you yourself ever had illicit intercourse with said deft & when?

I have had sexual intercourse with said deft and since their marriage. E

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> by same

State if the said parties have lived and cohabited together since the said Plaintiff became apprised of the infidelity of his said wife

Ans.

They have not lived and cohabited together since Plaintiff was apprised of the facts heretofore stated to my knowledge. And if they had so ~~not~~ lived together, me being a neighbor to plaintiff I think I would have known it.

And further this defendant says the not. William H. Hurry  
marked

Not claims

3<sup>rd</sup> Goutz 1 - 8 - 82<sup>cents</sup>  
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The foregoing deposition was  
taken, before me read and  
subscribed and sworn to by  
the witnesses July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1887.

J. H. Hyatt Clerk



C. A. Marney  
vs 3 Depo.  
Susan Marney

Filed July 23 1887.  
J. H. Hyatt C. C.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of LEE COUNTY--Creeting:

WE COMMAND YOU to summon Susan Manner

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Court House  
on the first Monday in July next, being Rule Day, to answer a  
Bill in Chancery exhibited in our Court against her, by  
Geo Clinton A. Manner

And have then and there this Writ. Witness, J. A. G. HYATT, Clerk of our said  
Court, at the Court House, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1887 in  
the 111 year of the Commonwealth.

J. A. G. Hyatt Clerk.

A Copy Teste:



Virginia Lee County, Crick:

This day Isaac W. Bleckman personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in and for said County and State, and made oath that he delivered a copy of the within Spec. to Susan Maurice on the 25th day of June 1887 & signed under my hand this the 25th day of June 1887  
Geo. M. Baker J. P.

E. W. B.

E. S. Maurice

203 Spring St.

Susan Maurice

25 July 1887

Executed by de-

claring an officer  
copying of the within  
in Spec. to Susan  
Maurice, this the  
25th day of June, 1887

J. W. Bleckman